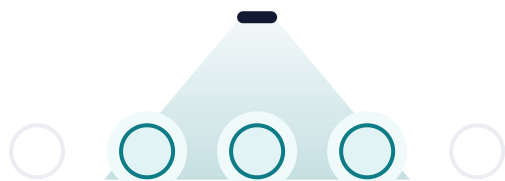


The vs No Article

Use **the** for particular things the listener can identify: *The dogs next door bark all night.* Use **no article** with plural and uncountable nouns when you mean things in general: *Dogs are loyal. Life is short.*

THE · PARTICULAR ONES

The dogs next door bark all night.



the dogs next door

these particular dogs

NO ARTICLE · IN GENERAL

Dogs are loyal.



dogs

all dogs, in general

1. Choose the right answer Circle a or b.

- _____ are cheaper online.
a) The books b) Books
- _____ in this bottle is cold.
a) Water b) The water
- She's interested in _____.
a) art b) the art
- _____ we met at the conference were very friendly.
a) The people b) People
- _____ is getting more expensive every year.
a) The education b) Education

2. Correct the mistake

Each sentence has one mistake. Write the correct sentence.

1. The people are afraid of change.

2. Technology changes the society.

3. I'm interested in the politics.

3. Your turn

Write two sentences about your own life: one with **The** and one with **No article**. Then explain the difference to a partner.

See the rule move

The full lesson, with more pictures, examples and a quiz that checks your answers, is free at clarigram.app/compare/the-vs-no-article

The vs No Article

1. Choose the right answer

1. **b) Books** Books in general take no article.
2. **b) The water** Particular water (in this bottle) takes the.
3. **a) art** Art as a subject in general takes no article.
4. **a) The people** Particular people (the ones we met) take the.
5. **b) Education** Education in general takes no article.

2. Correct the mistake

1. **People are afraid of change.** People in general: plural with no article.
2. **Technology changes society.** Society in general takes no article. This one is common in IELTS essays.
3. **I'm interested in politics.** Politics as a subject in general takes no article.

3. Your turn

Answers will vary. Check that each sentence follows the rule on page 1, or paste them into Clarigram to have them checked.